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Ref: 4641-24928

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
9600' Zone, Reservoirs A and B  
LAKE WASHINGTON FIELD  
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Swift Energy Operating, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Swift Energy Operating, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 9600' Zone, Reservoirs A and B, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 145 acres and 28 acres for the 9600' Zone, Reservoirs A and B designated as the 9600' RA SUA and 9600' RB SUA, respectively, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat.
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the said units.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate Swift Energy Operating, LLC as operator of the 9600' RA SUA and Hilcorp Energy Company as operator of the 9600' RB SUA and a unit well for the units created herein.
5. To permit Swift Energy Operating, LLC to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for the 9600 RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;

6. To grant a single unit allowable for the 9600 RA SUA' and 9600' RB SUA and to permit the operators of the units to produce said unit allowables from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from either of the wells, at its option;
7. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 9600 RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit.
8. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 9600' Zone, in the Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as that oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 7,680 feet and 11,534 feet (electrical log measurements) (7543' - 11358' VD) in the Swift Energy Operating, LLC-State Lease 17990 No. 3 Well, located in Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 26 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.


In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated May 23, 2007 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2007. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 9600' Zone, Reservoirs A and B, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Remy Williams of W. H. Robbins & Associates, LLC, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

